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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT <u>AMENDMENT (37 CFR §1.121)</u>

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") mailed June 14, 2005 for the above-identified application. In response to the Notice, we are enclosing herewith the proper status identifier for each claim. Applicants respectfully assert that the submission of this document places this application in the complete compliance with the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

A copy of the Notice and the previously submitted attachments are enclosed. This document also responds to a non-final Office Action dated March 8, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.